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# EMPLOYEES' NEWS BULLETIN

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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## WHAT'S BEHIND THAT MEAL YOU BUY

When you eat a meal in one of the Welfare Association cafeterias are you aware of the organization structure which provides you with this service? There is more than just preparation and serving of food involved.

In the last issue of the ENB we explained the selection and function of the Board of Governors of the Welfare Association. Under a permit from the Secretary of Agriculture, authority is given to the W.A. to operate cafeterias and lunchrooms for the convenience of Dept. employees.

The Board elects 3 and the Secretary appoints 2 members to a Committee of Cafeteria Management. To it the Board delegates all responsibilities relative to cafeterias and lunchrooms. The Committee passes on such problems as determining policies - opening new facilities - prices-hours of operation- negotiation of contracts with unions - purchase of new equipment, etc. The Committee is

Frank Spencer (E&PC) - chairman  
Dr. H. K. Stiebeling (ENHE)  
Lois E. Monie (Fers)  
Arthur Thatcher (PCO)  
Ennis Almond (E&F)

In 1944 the Committee recommended the Board to enter into a contract with the National Food Corporation to manage the cafeteria and lunchroom facilities under policies set by the Committee. N.F.C. appointed E.L. Lemmasson as manager. The preparation and serving of estimated 2,500,000 meals and lunches per year is his responsibility. While doing this he works closely with the Committee so they are kept in constant touch with developments.

All this is necessary before you can eat lunch. Incidentally, the members of the W.A. Board and all Committees are handsomely rewarded by receiving no pay, no special privileges, and accepting all complaints.

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## DEMAND FOR BRIDGE INSTRUCTION IS HEAVY

Many employees were turned away from the Wednesday evening Beginners' Bridge Club. The club's quota was filled 3 days after the announcement of the first meeting.

C. A. Lyons, instructor, is skillfully leading the novitiates through the maze and misconceptions thereby revealing the elementary facts upon which contract bridge is based. Reports from those in the club has renewed the request from non-members for more classes.

Efforts are being made to organize another club for instructions. However, the problem of suitable space for group instruction when skilled leadership is available is our main obstacle. When this is overcome you will be notified of other classes.

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Norma Hughes (Inf), Yvonne MacDougal (FS), L.E. Jennings (FS) of the Choral Guild are singing for hospitalized vets. In programs sponsored by American Red Cross these songsters and Alice Campbell (BAE), accompanist, performed three times during March and are scheduled for more appearances during April.

## GROUP HOSPITALIZATION NOTICE

New subscribers to Group Hospitalization, Inc. may file applications now with the Bureau group treasurer. This must be done not later than April 9th. After this date no new applications will be accepted for six months or more.

This community, non-profit Hospital Service Plan serves 300,000 in Washington area. See your group treasurer for details. Join now.

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## "EVERYTHING IS OK"

Recent newspaper reports revealed that some eating places in Government Buildings were refused Restaurant Operating Licenses because they did not meet the health, sanitation, and physical standards of D.C. Restaurant Regulations. This caused USDA employees to wonder if our cafeterias were included.

For your information the cafeterias and snack bars have been operating with the official blessing of the Restaurant Operating License. This license was recently renewed after the facilities passed another thorough periodic inspection.

A natural social evening geared for most any age, stamina, temperament, and experience is provided by attending a square dance session. The beginner and the advanced performer will find plenty of fun at any one of the following:

Thomson Center - 12 and L Sts., N.W.,  
Mon. 8:30 PM. no charge  
Thurs. 8:30 PM - advanced square and folk dance - 25¢  
Potomac Youth Hostel - St. John's Parish  
619 16th St., N.W. 8:30 PM 40¢ Tues.  
YWCA - 17th and K Sts., Friday evenings. Call ME 2100 50¢  
Friendship House - 619 D St., S.E. - Sat. 8:30 PM. 40¢.  
Mt. Vernon Methodist Church - 9th and K Sts., N.W. Sat. 8:30 PM. No charge.

Don't be bashful and give it a try. Of course we could have a one evening a week session here in the Dept. If you are interested call Scherlach X3105.

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### LUNCH IN A HURRY?

While standing patiently in the Welfare Association cafeteria lines for lunch the writer has on several occasions overhead - "It's a shame to wait this long. I only want a snack for lunch."

There may be other employees who dine lightly and hurriedly for lunch. If so, we bring to your attention the service offered at the 6th floor, 5th Wing Snack Bar. From 12 - 2 very speedy service is available as there is no line.

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### DEPT. PLAYERS GO TO TOWN

The Agriculture Players spring play will be a three-act comedy entitled, "Aunt Tillie Goes to Town", by Wilbur Braun. There are eleven characters in the cast. Additional people are needed for backstage work, prompting, make-up, etc. A few tall, dark, handsome men are needed.

For the past few weeks the Players have been practicing one-act skits written by the play writing members. The Players will be glad to assist any person in the Dept. who is interested in play writing by acting out their plays. Call Speh X5971

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In the January issue of the Employees' News Bulletin we made a plea for the return of silverware borrowed from the cafeterias. This impassioned entreaty has born fruit. Manager Lommasson's faith in mankind has been bolstered. His records now show:

### Silverware (pieces)

Lost or borrowed	1,210
Returned	17
Still due	1,193

USDA Chapter 12, Disabled American Veterans received their Chapter Charter from National Commander L.F. Oleson at a meeting witnessed by D.C. Dept. Commander H.M. Dixon and members of his staff.

The newly organized Chapter elected the following officers: J.K. Allison, Commander - O.S. Homstad, Sr. vice-com. R.F. Mayo, Jr. vice com.-C.A. Foldenauer, chaplain- R.K. Wiper, treasurer.

Members elected to the Executive Committee are, L.T. Nordlie, G.P. Bailey, W.E. Hillis, and E.M. Norton, F.W. McNamee and E.M. Norton will serve as alternate chapter members on the D.C. executive committee.

Regular meetings of the Chapter are held on the second Tuesday of each month at D.A.V. National Headquarters Building 1701 18th St. N.W., at 7 PM. For information call J.K. Allison X2857.

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### CERAMICS

The Friendship House - 619 D St., S.E. - announces additional classes for the student who wishes to have studio space in which to pursue his studies and experimentation. One may enroll at any time as all instruction is individual. These classes are approved for G.I. training. Call LI 9235.

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### WANT RELIES

Mrs. Mitchell X 2125 - Mitchellville, Md  
Mrs. Schiesel, X2008 - 7333 Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park, Md.  
Elaine Pool, X4361 - 416 Duke St. Alexandria, Va.  
Laura Beasley, X4361 - Bellefonte Ave. and Russell Rd.  
Mabel Paulsen X-5168 - 1703 Bay St., S E  
Joseph Phillips X3865 - Flower and Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Md.  
Helen Shay, X4149 - 727 46th St., SE  
Mary Hurlbut X 2921 - 7508 Columbia Ave., College Park, Md.  
Lee Sinclair X 4611 - C227 30th St., N.W  
Raymond L. Fox X 5584 - 4509 South 35th St., Fairlington, Arlington, Va.  
Robert F. Lindsey X 3820 - 5712 64th Place, East Riverdale, Md.  
Mr. C. Herget X 5661 - 14th or 16th Columbia Rd., N.W.  
Mrs. Murphy X6041 - 2400 16th St., NW  
Ruth Cable X4852 - Rhode Island Ave and Newton St., N.E.  
Mary Hughes X5118 - Wisconsin Ave. and East West Highway, Bethesda  
Helen Nicholson X5460 - 20th and Rhode Island Ave., N.E.  
WANT RIDER  
Rebekah Hart X 3556 - Cheverly, Md. or Bladensburg Rd.  
Charlotte Bender X6253 - 31st and Terrace Rd. S.E.  
T.E. McGraw X4495 - Maryland Ave. to Bladensburg Rd to M St., N.E.  
WANT POTATOE  
Luke Schruben X2589 - Wisconsin Ave. between Western Ave. and Derussey Pky.